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1. General

- a. Overall levelling and removal of tree roots has continued in the cleared area of former woodlands extending between MRs 692 953, 693 950, 721 955 and 720 959. 25X1
- b. Although the laying down of the concrete runway is scheduled to commence on 1 July, there have been as yet no preparations whatsoever for its marking out or necessary excavation. On two occasions serious accidents have occurred through the dredger overturning owing to the varied nature of the strata. Heavy rocks have frequently damaged the blades of the equipment. No supplies of cement or ballast have yet been accumulated, although the first of two concrete-laying machines has arrived on the site. It is rumored among the workmen that the concrete runway will be 40 cms in 25X1 thickness.
- c. The Bau Union Brandenburg is solely contracted for the preparation and construction of the concrete runway and associated taxiway. This task is scheduled for completion in late autumn 1955, after which it is proposed to transfer the entire working detachment to Garz. Any remaining installations will be erected by other contractors or the Russian authorities.
- d. The Soviet Air Force which recently arrived on the airfield is solely employed on the marking out and erecting of a barbed-wire fence around the entire airfield perimeter. 25X1

2. Rail Spur

The permanent normal gauge rail spur connecting Querfurt-West railway station to the airfield site has been completed as far as the main cleared area (MR 722 961). Preparations have commenced for the extension westwards of this spur through an existing firebreak for a distance of about one and one half kms, terminating at a former second class road at MR 706 957.

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3. Permanent Buildings

- a. Three single-storyed brick-built buildings are under construction in a line about 15 m. south of the Allstedt/Lodersleben road at MR 706 961. Each building measures about 30 x 15 meters and appears to be a normal barrack block. No roofing or fitting of windows has as yet been undertaken.
- b. A brick built workshop is under construction at the terminal of the extension of the airfield rail spur at MR 705 956. Details of the size and construction of this building are as yet not available.

4. Water Supply

- a. A deep well and permanent pump house has been set up on the eastern outskirts of the village of Moenchpiffel at MR 651 948. An underground pipeline of 20/25 cms diameter is being constructed from this pumphouse to connect with the airfield site. Difficulties are being experienced with the route for this pipeline owing to the very undulating nature of the local terrain.
- b. On the main quartering site where there is a total of 18 wooden huts accomodating the Soviet Airforce and Bau Union Brandenburg personnel, a tank of approximately 20,000 liter capacity has been set up, and a temporary pipeline laid down to each hut. This tank is replenished daily by a series of water carts bringing supplies from Allstedt.

5. Heavy Equipment

The following heavy equipment was in evidence at the time of this report:

- 10 large caterpillar tractors
- 5 bulldozers
- 5 diesel locomotives
- 2 steam locomotives
- 5 dredgers
- 2 concrete mixers (one of 15,000 liter capacity)
- 1 concrete laying machine

The concrete laying machine and two mixers were parked in the northeast corner of the clearing and were not in use.

6. Miscellaneous

At the entrance to the main encampment there is a contractor's board bearing the name "Firma Wendler". There is no knowledge of the type or extent of work undertaken by this contractor.

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